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The campus seems a lonely place when almost overnight thousands of students disappear, their final exams behind them, for summer jobs or their place in the world. Just a few weeks ago this study area in the McPherson Library was filled with student cramming for their finals, and the Quad, as seen through a windowed corridor of the Clearihue Building, is normally bustling with life. However, in this quiet two-month period of Intersession before Summer Session begins July 2, curious activities can still be found around campus, such as the sound of music drifting across fields. This is the Island Brass Quintet made up of Department of Music students practising for a summer programme of concerts they will be giving informally in parks and public places around Victoria. Newly-formed, the quintet is being funded by an Opportunities for Youth grant. From the left are Blair Fisher, graduate, Jackie Spring, fourth year, Henry Vant Erve, fourth year, and Brent Henry, fourth year. Taking a breather is Juliet Proudman, second year.



THE BUSIEST PLACE

Now that the winter term is over and relative quiet has fallen over the campus until the Summer Session begins on July 2, the busiest sector of UVic has to be the residence compound.

Mrs. Doris Bloomfield, Residence Supervisor, said that as soon as the winter term is over in late April, groups ranging in size from 20 to 650 persons start pouring in, staying anywhere from two days to a week, and often overlapping each other.

Comparing the operation to something like that of a large hotel, the coming and going of people is "sometimes just unbelievable".

In the next two months, groups as diverse as naturalists, and the International Toastmistresses, and a Mennonite choir will be here.

Between May 13 and 18, about 550 students and teachers will be accommodated for the B.C. High School Drama Festival. While this is going on, there will also be 75 persons in for a "Y" fitness workshop between May 11 and 15.

May 19 to 23, the B.C. Park's Branch will hold a summer naturalists programme for 50 participants.

May 20 to 23, 100 members of the Provincial Council of Women will be here, as well as 60 from the Religious Education Association of Canada May 20 to 27.

May 23 to 26, it will be 125 members of the Canadian Business and Professional Women's Association as well as 250 International Toastmistresses.

May 23 to 25 will also have 25 participants in a biological sciences seminar.

May 23 to 25 has a student choir here from the Mennonite Educational Institute in Clearbrook, B.C.

May 27 to 28 will have 80 persons from Caulfield High School in North Vancouver, and May 27 to 29 some 60 belonging to the Steering Committee for the Professionalization of Child Care Workers.

June 2 to 5 there is a school band from Columneetza, B.C., and between June 6 and 8 there is perhaps the most moving and unusual event of the whole schedule. For the fourth consecutive year, "Operation Trackshoes", a track tournament for mentally and physically retarded children from all over B.C., takes place. Altogether, about 620 persons, including student and parent volunteer helpers, will be accommodated.

June 9 to 12 has 40 from the Intercollegiate Athletic Union, and from June 10 to 17 some 200 members of the Canadian Nature Federation are here.

Some 75 physical education teachers will meet June 12 to 15, and 250 from the National Conference of Legal Aid June 11 to 15.

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June 19 to 23.

The "Flying Y" will hold a track meet here for 300 competitors June 20 to 22, and a swim meet for 600 June 27 to 30.

When the Summer Session begins July 2, most of the accommodation, between 400 and 500 beds, is set aside for the students, but a number of groups is still booked.

The B.C. Teachers' Federation will have groups of 25 in between July 7 and 11 and July 14 and 18. Some 35 members of the B.C. Association of Instructors for the Mentally Retarded meet July 2 to 12.

August 3 to 9 will have 100 registrants for UVic's Early Music Workshop, and there will be a volleyball tournament August 14 to 17.

RESIDENCE FEES CLIMB

Inflation will be severely hitting out-of-town students living on campus next term, according to Mrs. Shirley Baker, Manager of Housing and Conference Services.

Mrs. Baker said the Board of Governors has approved a recommended increase of 19 per cent for the cost of a single room and meals from September to April.

The past term's fee was \$1,005, a 9 per cent hike over \$917 in 1973-74, and next term's will be \$1,193.

Mrs. Baker said resident students were consulted and shown the financial picture before the recommendation was made. "The students said they couldn't see how

we could do anything but increase the fees."

What primarily brought on the increase has been the cost of food, which in some instances has risen 30 per cent, the climbing cost of fuel and the increase in wages to labour, "which is reflected in all of the services."

Mrs. Baker said that UVic's fee is still at the lower end of the scale compared to other universities in Canada.

She noted, too, that one bright spot for students, especially those from outside Victoria, is the availability of more money through the provincial government's new student grant programme.

One major way UVic keeps residence fees down is by renting out facilities and accommodation during the summer to a variety of off-campus organizations, and this accounts for 10 per cent of the revenue.

As a matter of fact, last week one of these organizations was the Association of College and University Housing Officers meeting here for two days to discuss such problems as housing and rising costs.

About 40 persons, including Mrs. Baker and UVic Residence Supervisor Doris Bloomfield, attended this conference from Western Canada, Northwestern U.S. and Hawaii.

Mrs. Baker said her staff is digging in for another summer of trying to help out-of-town students find accommodation off-campus.

As usual, the more than 600 beds in



the campus residences are accounted for, along with a long waiting list.

Last summer, an unexpected enrolment increase of 1,000 students, coupled with a housing shortage in Greater Victoria, necessitated an all-out campaign by Mrs. Baker's office to find living space for hundreds of beleaguered students.

She said that this year her staff is better prepared to deal with another crisis.

The 800 Greater Victoria residents who responded to UVic's plea are now on file, and some 150 of them have so far agreed to help out again.

Mrs. Baker said there are indications also that a province-wide housing registry for students will be set up soon.

Meanwhile, the whole problem of additional on-campus housing for the three B.C. universities is being studied by the Universities Council.

PARKING FEES UP

For the first time since they were assessed in 1968, general and reserved parking fees for staff and students will be increased, effective September 1.

Ed Lloyd, Chairman of the Traffic and Parking Committee, said the present annual rate of \$15 a year for reserved areas and the \$5 a year for general parking will now be \$30 for reserved, \$15 for general staff parking, and \$10 for general student parking.

The increases have been approved by the Board of Governors after more than a

year of deliberation by the committee.

"The basic reason for the increase is that we are trying to get the parking closer to a self-supporting basis," Mr. Lloyd said. "In other words, our hope is that the fees will reflect a closer relationship to the cost to the University of operating parking facilities."

Even with the increase, Mr. Lloyd said the parking system will be operating at a loss.

The average capital cost of each parking stall is more than \$500, and this is not to mention the operating costs involving Traffic and Security supervision, cleaning, lighting, maintenance and snow removal, which comes to \$24 per stall.

And taking into account the rise in the cost of labor and material "I don't think there is any question that the campus community is getting a bargain on today's market".

Mr. Lloyd said the committee didn't recommend a higher increase to bring the parking operation up to a break-even basis because it wanted to strike a balance between deterring persons from bringing their cars on campus and making sure present facilities are used well enough.

"Hopefully this increase will encourage more people to form car pools."

He said the committee, in the face of increasing enrolment, does not want to see the campus eaten up by more parking lots.

"UVic was originally designed as a walking campus, and we just don't want to devote too much of our ecology to more parking lots."

Mr. Lloyd said the University should be a leader in ecology and energy conservation, and its members would do well to use an improved B.C. Hydro bus service to campus or take up bicycling, a fad that this year seems to be falling off.

UVic's parking system runs on an over-subscription margin of about 30 per cent, or what is called "a permit to hunt".

According to Tom O'Connor, Superintendent of Traffic and Security, there are roughly 2,300 general and 825 reserved stalls on campus. (This year, nearly 5,000 vehicles were registered for the campus.)

Even in a reserved area, no one is guaranteed a spot, only the right to use that area if there are open stalls.

The idea is that everyone is not on campus at the same time because of class schedules and work habits.

But, Mr. O'Connor said, usually a peak period arises each Wednesday of the week and sometimes on Friday, which causes crowding.

To prevent a serious problem of parking, a cut-off registration would be imposed, as happened last fall, and he advised vehicle-owners to register as soon as possible after August 1.

He said that to end the hunt situation and provide a stall for each vehicle would

be like having "the tail wagging the dog".

A new parking lot will be installed summer behind the McKinnon Building, but this is actually just replacing No. 1 Lot upon which the McKinnon was built.

SERVICES CONSOLIDATED

A major administrative change which has all student services coming under one office has been instituted.

The change began with the recent appointment of Ted Sawchuk as Director of the new office of Student and Ancillary Services. Mr. Sawchuk was Director of General University Services which no longer exists under the new set-up.

"The whole idea is to make services more responsive to the students and have one office to which students may direct their enquiries," Mr. Sawchuk said. "It's a streamlining of the whole process."

Under the change, he assumes responsibility for the increasingly important Financial Aid Office, and University Health Services, and becomes the administrative liaison to the Canada Manpower Centre and Alma Mater Society management, all of which used to come directly under Dean of Administration Trevor Matthews.

He also retains responsibility for the student-oriented areas of Housing and Conference Services, Food Services, the Bookstore and Campus Shop, Athletics and Recreational Services, and Physical Education, Athletics and Recreational Facilities.

He will also keep Purchasing Services, at least temporarily, although it is not within the concept of the reorganized department.

Formerly under General University Services, Media and Technical Services now comes under the umbrella of H.R. Widdifield, Director of Systems and Computing Services, and Mail and Messenger Services goes to G.E. Apps, Director of Buildings and Grounds.

Dean Matthews will continue to be generally responsible for all these areas.

Mr. Sawchuk said the change is a result of a major recommendation of last year's report by the Student Welfare Committee under the chairmanship of Dr. Horace Beach, Director of the Counselling Centre.

The report recommended a consolidation of all student services as a response to student wishes.

Mr. Sawchuk said that if and when the University becomes directly involved in day care, his office will carry out the job. At present, the University Day Care Centre at 2246 McCoy Road is an independent society consisting of parents and representatives from the AMS, the faculty and the administration. The centre may expand to the old D.O.T.

Some bright high school students were on campus last week for UVic's ninth annual Humanities and Science Symposium. The symposium, co-sponsored by the University and B.C. Telephone Company, aims at being an introduction to the intellectual life of a university. Some 24 students presented scholarly papers, which were selected from among 210 submissions made to a panel of UVic professors. Sixty student observers also attended. Posing at the entrance to the Commons Block are, back row from the left, Dylan Taylor, West Vancouver Secondary; Geof Auchinleck, Point Grey Secondary, Vancouver; Donna Henderson, Kamloops High; Robbin Shamenski, Abbotsford; Patrick Saunders, West Vancouver Secondary; and Greg Loughton, West Vancouver Secondary. In the front row are Irene Klein, Southern Okanagan, Oliver; Rose Pereira, Southern Okanagan; Dr. Reginald Terry (English), chairman of the symposium; Kathy Atkinson, Kamloops High; Sheila Fraser, Point Grey; and Joanne Rolf, Queen Margaret's School, Camrose, Alberta.

Building on McCoy Road which up to recently housed the UVic Printing Shop, but this is under study.

Mr. Sawchuk said that under the reorganization all the managers of student services will meet once a month to discuss problems and help each other.

"We also hope to set up a council made up of student representatives so that we can directly receive feedback and complaints."

A critical area for Mr. Sawchuk will be Housing and Conference Services in face of a need for considerably more on-campus residences and a lack of funds to accomplish this.

He foresees an increase of staffing for Financial Aid, which in the last year has become swamped with applications for student aid under the new provincial government grant programme.

RECYCLING RESUMES

UVic's trial paper waste recycling programme, which was aborted after household garbage began showing up in specially designated bins, has now been re-established, according to Donovan Thorndick, Superintendent of Janitorial Services.

The programme started in January but came into doubt two months later when the company which agreed to pick up unsorted paper wastes dropped the arrangement after finding bag-loads of garbage in the recycling bins set up for the operation.

Mr. Thorndike speculated that because of the strike by municipal workers persons, probably associated with the University, began to dump their garbage in the bins.

Now that the strike has just come to an end, he said it is hoped the Allan Paper

Stock Company will now find only plastic bags filled with paper gathered by his janitorial crew.

Where before the bins were clearly marked "janitors only", they have now become designated as "recycling bins only". The bins are located outside the McPherson Library and the MacLaurin and Cornett buildings.

The programme will probably continue on a trial basis until the end of the year, Mr. Thorndick said.

As an outcome of recommendations by the Alma Mater Society and the administration, the programme was set up to run on a break-even basis, requiring no increase in staff.

WOMEN'S CLUB TO MEET

Dr. E. Margaret Fulton, Dean of Women, the University of British Columbia, will be the main speaker at the annual dinner and general meeting of the University Women's Club May 21 at 6:15 p.m. in the Commons Block Green Room. Her topic will be "Women's Place in a Changing World". Deadline for tickets is May 19.

FACULTY NEWS

CREATIVE WRITING

The 34th edition of The Malahat Review, edited by Professor Robin Skelton, Chairman of the Department of Creative Writing, is now available. The quarterly, which features poetry, fiction and criticism by writers from all over the world,

has been published by UVic since 1967 when it was co-founded by Professor Skelton. This edition, for instance, has writings from China, Poland, Mexico, Chile, Czechoslovakia and Bangladesh. Assistant editor is poet Derk Wynand, who teaches in the department.

CHEMISTRY

Dr. Robert N. O'Brien is giving two papers at the 147th meeting of the Electrochemical Society, which is being held this week in Toronto. The papers are entitled "The Effect of Long-Chain Substituted Hydrocarbon Monolayers on Ingress of O₂ into H₂O and H₂O Egress" and "A Fabry-Perot Interferometer for Monitoring Gas-Liquid Exchange".

Dr. O'Brien recently gave an invited talk entitled "An Optical Investigation of Coatings-Inhibited Metal Corrosion" to the Paint Research Institute symposium at Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

He has also received a \$5,900 grant from the Defence Research Board for his research on "Interferometric Study of Useful Electrodes".

MUSIC EDUCATION

Dr. Frank Churchley has been named the sole Canadian representative to the 5th International Seminar in Music Education Research which is to take place in Mexico City September 3 to 10.



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